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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

dear FCC,

we need MORE broadband competition not less. we are consumers, artists, and small business owners who rely on the services of Sonic to stay connected to our clients and community here in the US and abroad. we are longtime customers of Sonic and were recently upgraded to fiber from competitive DSL and could not be happier with the service with increased speeds at roughly the same cost. we have the greatest respect for local companies like our provider, Sonic, who share our values, are responsive to their communities and strive to increase connectivity for all especially underserved rural areas where in many places, local providers are the ONLY choice. the goal here should be increasing access and expanding connectivity at the lowest possible cost. please take the right action and stop the big telephone companies from squelching competition for profit motive only. the time is now to ensure service for the greater benefit of all the people of our country and not just a privileged few. with sincere hope for a more just future.

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